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## TROUBLES BREWING IN BELGIUM: LABOUR WARNING

### Catholic Leaders Planning To Force Issue

Brussels, Apr. 2.—It is learned authoritatively that the Social Christian Party plans to return Leopold III to the throne within the next three weeks.

The Catholic plan calls for the formation before the end of the week of a one-party minority government solely dedicated to the King's return.

Reliable Social Christian sources said that the new cabinet would go before Parliament a week later for the traditional vote of confidence, followed by an immediate calling of a joint session of both chambers to repeal the 1945 law which bars the King from his throne.

The repeal would remove the last obstacle to the ending of the five-year-old regency and to the monarch's return.

The Catholic plan is contingent on a vote of confidence in the House of Representatives, where the Social Christians lack an absolute majority by two seats. Three Liberal deputies, however, have indicated that they will support any cabinet whose programme provides for the calling of a joint session of Parliament to rescind the 1945 law.

The Premier-designate, Mr. Albert Devezé will fly to Geneva on Monday where he is expected to make an eleven-hour abdication appeal to King

Leopold. "In the interest of national unity," the official purpose of his trip is to "acquaint the sovereign with the conclusions of my consultations and negotiations" to end the two-week-old government crisis.

**FLAT REJECTION**  
Devezé was appointed a week ago and conceded failure due to the Social Christian Party's flat rejection of his so-called solution of "national concord" to the royal controversy, which entailed the King's temporary return with the pledge to abdicate in favour of his 19-year-old son and heir, Crown Prince Baudoin.

When granting Devezé's request for a royal audience, the King reiterated his post-referendum decision to "bow to Parliament's decision." Devezé is expected back from Geneva late on Monday night to report to his Liberal Party's executive committee, after which, failing a change in the King's attitude, he will hand his resignation to Prince Regent Baudoin.

Prominent speakers at a Catholic party rally in Brussels branded Devezé's trip to Switzerland "a dilatory manoeuvre," designed to drag the crisis on. Mr. Paul Fines, secretary-general of the Socialist-Federal League, declared in a nationwide radio broadcast that stop-Leopold strikes would be renewed if Leopold tried to return.—United Press.

**STAND FAST**  
When King Leopold promised Mr. Devezé an audience last week, he said he would stand fast by his declaration in March that he would abide by the decision of a joint session of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament.

In such a session, the Catholics would have a majority of seven.—Reuter.



Trust Paris to think of it. A gold pea-pod carrying whose peas are made of pearls. (London Express Service).

### SCILLY ISLES SEA DRAMA

Penzance, Cornwall, Apr. 2.—The 7,447-ton Finnish tanker, Durango, and three British freighters were tonight battling mountainous seas off the Scilly Isles in a search for an unknown vessel reported to have sent up distress rockets.

A lifeboat from St. Marks, one of the Scilly islands, was put up after the British seamer, Essex Trade, radiated that she had seen the rockets fired 37 miles northwest of the island.

The Durango and the three British vessels reported that they had picked up the SOS and were racing to the spot.—Reuter.

### Nairobi Shooting Incident

Nairobi, Apr. 2.—An unidentified African gunman last night shot an African Nairobi City Councillor a few hours before the latter was due to present the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester with an address of welcome to the new city.

The City Councillor was wounded in the right hand.—Reuter.

## Compromise Predicted Over Dispute Planes At Kai Tak

Washington, April 2.—Hongkong courts will compromise on conflicting United States and Chinese Communist claims to the 71 disputed Nationalist transport planes, authoritative sources predicted today.

The courts are expected in America eventually to award 31 planes to the Chinese Communists and 40 to American Major General Claire Chennault.

The sources conceded that such a settlement probably would please neither side, and said the British frankly are worried because they realise they will have complaints either from the Chinese Communists or the United States with both of whom Britain is trying to get along.

The disputed aircraft went to Nationalist China under lend-lease. They were in Hongkong when Chiang Kai-shek's mainland defences collapsed and he retired to Formosa. The Communists claimed they were the rightful government of China and as such were entitled to all property of the old Nationalist Government.

The British government, it is said here, has instructed Hongkong not to allow either side to take over the planes until the courts rule finally on their ownership.

Thirty-one of the planes were owned 60 percent by the Nationalist government and 20 percent by Pan American Airways. These which were formerly operated by the China National Aviation Corporation, probably will go to the Chinese Communists. The other 40 were operated by the Central Air Transport Corporation which the courts discovered were never

## Shinwell Linked With Strachey In Revived Smearing Campaign

### SHARP RETORTS BY DEFENCE MINISTERS AT THE HAGUE

The Hague, Apr. 2.—The Defence Ministers of Britain and the United States today vigorously and categorically denied the American news agency report that the British War Minister, Mr John Strachey, was to be by-passed on Atlantic Pact defence secrets.

The British Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, backed strongly by the American Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, in a joint interview, told Reuter that Mr Strachey's name had not been mentioned, officially or unofficially, at the North Atlantic Defence Chiefs' conference here.

Mr Shinwell, declared, "I vigorously deny this story—the whole thing is sheer nonsense." Mr Johnson broke in, "That is correct. No such policy has been discussed by my Government, and the question has never been raised here."

### Mystery Submarine

Los Angeles, Apr. 2.—A modern submarine, "definitely not one of ours," was sighted off the Southern California coast at dawn today.

The Navy immediately sent a fleet of patrol bombers to search for it and said Naval Intelligence has started an inquiry.

The Coast Guard station at Point Arguello first reported the submarine heading seaward about eight miles off the coast.

It was unofficially reported that one part of the Navy's inquiry was whether anyone could have landed from the submarine.

The Navy said the "modern" type submarine was sighted almost simultaneously by two Coast Guard stations at 6.20 a.m. They said that operating with running lights, it was travelling at about 12 knots.

Another unidentified and apparently foreign submarine was sighted off Northern California last week.—United Press.

The American agency said in a cable from the Hague that British and American military leaders had arranged "a new system of exchanging confidential military information under which top secrets will be passed Mr Strachey." The cable quoted "extremely well-informed sources" for the report.

Mr Strachey was recently attacked by the London Evening Standard for not having disavowed former alleged Communist views.

Before leaving Schiphol today, Mr Johnson again strongly denied the report about a new arrangement to prevent Mr Strachey getting secret information.

Asked whether he personally had any objection to Mr Strachey, he reiterated his statement that under the machinery of the Defence Pact, information was passed on only to the Defence Minister, Mr Shinwell.

Speaking personally, Mr Johnson added that he did not know Mr Strachey and he had nothing whatever to say about him. In any case, his name was not even mentioned during any of the discussions.

Mr Shinwell had earlier also told Reuter that Mr Strachey would, as Secretary of State for War, continue to receive some information as was made available to him when he was in Mr Strachey's position. (Mr Shinwell was War Minister in the last Labour Government.)

"It is absurd to talk of a new policy introduced because of Mr Strachey," Mr Shinwell commented, adding that no country had pressed for any such arrangements.

At this point of the interview Mr Johnson intervened to say that he wanted to pay a special tribute to Mr Shinwell as Britain's Defence Minister.

"I have the greatest confidence in him and his policy," Mr Johnson declared, adding that that was why he deprecated any efforts to undermine Mr Shinwell's position "by such stories as these."—Reuter.

## DR JESSUP AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Washington, Apr. 2.—Dr. Philip C. Jessup, United States Ambassador at Large, has been granted "access to such atomic information as is necessary" to carry out his new duties as Principal Adviser on world politics to the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson.

In announcing this, the State Department said that the arrangement had been made with the approval of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Mr Bourke B. Hickenlooper (Republican Senator, Iowa), a member of the Senate-Atomic Energy Committee, protested that Dr. Jessup had been cleared "without any check whatsoever on his record" by the Commission.

"I want to emphasise that I am making no criticism or approval of Dr. Jessup," Mr Hickenlooper told reporters.

"It is the principle to which I object—the fact that he was cleared without getting the information on him which is available at the Department and which could have been obtained in 45 minutes," he added.

### "INDEFENSIBLE"

In an obvious allusion to the charge made by Mr Joseph McCarthy, (Republican Senator, Wisconsin) that Dr. Jessup had an "unusual affinity for Communist causes"—an accusation Dr. Jessup had flatly denied—Mr Hickenlooper said, "Without going into the merits, Dr. Jessup is engaged in a controversy which is still unresolved. I think it is just indefensible for the Commission to have given him clearance on the basis it did."—Reuter.

## Saucers Startle London

London, Apr. 2.—Soon after thunder claps and hailstorms started Londoners out of their after-dinner Sunday somnolence today, the Meteorological Office was busy with telephone calls from citizens who claimed to have seen a "pear-shaped object" high in the sky.

At first no explanation was offered for what may be the first attack of "flying saucers" on the British capital. Questioned on the point, an Air Ministry official said that if the object was pear-shaped it could not very well have been a saucer, but it might, he added helpfully, have been a flying fruit dish.—Reuter.

## Union Leader Warns Chancellor

### TAX RELIEF FELT TO BE IMPERATIVE

London, Apr. 2.—Mr Arthur Deakin, Secretary of the world's biggest trade union, the 2,000,000-strong Transport and General Workers' Union, speaking at Salisbury today, warned the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, that the British trade union movement "expected some consideration" when he produced his budget on April 18.

Mr Deakin said that the Chancellor had been told last week of the difficulty the unions were having "in maintaining the restraint which is imposed on us."

He was referring to the Government's wage freeze policy, which was supported by the leadership of British trades unions.

Mr Deakin said that trade union leaders had told the Chancellor at pre-budget discussions that they wanted the Government "to do something of a very definite character by way of giving easement."

"We don't want a penny off beer or a shilling off a bottle of wine," said Mr Deakin.

"We want easements of taxation if it is possible—on the purchase tax and on income tax for the lower income groups."—Reuter.

### OFFICE BOY STEALS A LAKH

A 22-year-old office boy, Leung Yuk-kwong, was gaoled for four months this morning for stealing \$100,000. He was entrusted by his firm, the On Tat Company, to pay the money into the bank. Mr Reynolds, passing sentence, said it was ridiculous to entrust an office boy earning \$40 a month with \$100,000.

## Many Injured In Quake Panic

Leghorn, Italy, Apr. 2.—More than 40 people were injured here on Saturday night in the panic following a sharp earthquake which caused the collapse of several bombed-out buildings. Minor earth shocks were recorded at several other localities. However damage was not believed to be high.—United Press.

### EDITORIAL

## Bridging The Gulf

ATTEMPTS to get square, to get on to reasonable terms with Soviet Russia, make not the slightest headway. How realistic is Marshal Joseph Stalin? It is more pertinent to ask, perhaps, what is reality to a Government in which deception is the potent force and insulation from the outer world is the ruling principle. In discussing America's policy towards Russia the other day, the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, presenting seven points essential to proper relations, declared that Soviet policy is not influenced by signed agreements, but that it can adjust itself to facts. Mr Winston Churchill, in a stirring speech on foreign policy last week, took a different view. He still insists that there is a possible chance that something can be done to bridge the gulf between East and West by another talk with Soviet Russia "on the highest level." Mr Churchill's speech, outstanding in its appeal to men of liberal thought, appealed to all those seeking for some assurance of peace. But on Mr Acheson's premise, too well proved, perhaps, by a long round of futile conferences and a long series of discarded agreements, further personal talks between high level personages, will produce results if only Moscow is moved by facts to change its position, such facts as were, for instance, demonstrated by the Chiefs of Staff last week in their approval of the Atlantic Pact Master Defence Plan. The Soviet Government is realistic, Stalin says. But how does he get his facts to base his decisions? Does he judge how far he can go on objective information or on

his own ideas of what the real assessment is outside the Kremlin? An interesting sidelight on this highly important question is supplied himself by Mr Churchill in his war story in which he describes a Cabinet decision to divert large stocks of American lend-lease to Russia in September, 1941. "The Service departments felt it was like flaying off pieces of their skin," he says, to expose "our own vital security and projects to failure for the sake of our new ally—surly, snarling, grasping, and so lately indifferent to our survival." Stalin replied that the offer of 400 fighter planes was totally inadequate. He demanded a second front at once, 30,000 tons of aluminium by Oct. 1 and a monthly minimum of aid amounting to 400 aircraft and 500 tanks, and followed up a few days later by proposing that Great Britain land twenty-five or thirty divisions in Archangel or transport them across Iran to the southern regions of U.S.S.R. "It is almost incredible," Churchill comments, "that the head of the Russian Government with all the advice of their military experts could have committed himself to such absurdities. It seemed hopeless to argue with a man thinking in terms of utter unreality." Looking back on the years since, the world may well wonder if the calculations shaping Soviet policy are still as wide of the mark as Stalin's estimate of Britain's meagre reserves in 1941. If that is true, it is far from realistic—and more dangerous than if it were. For the gravest danger of a Government that deceives its people is that it may come to deceive itself.

## Gen Marshall's Grim Warning: Chips Are Down In The East-West Cold War

Washington, Apr. 2.—General George C. Marshall, founder of the Marshall Plan for European Recovery, today told officials who administer it that they are fighting a foe "who has designs no less deadly than those we have ever faced."

He declared that the "chips are down" in the East-West cold war.

General Marshall was speaking at a "birthday party" to commemorate the half-way mark in the Marshall Plan's four-year programme.

Without mentioning the Soviet Union by name the General said, "The debates on the question of continuing the programme, it seems to me, are confused by a variety of motives. 'An appreciation of the requirements of the Plan is being bogged by a failure to realise that we are now engaged in a great struggle.'"

"You here may not be in the same sort of physical danger as troops on the battlefield, but you are engaged in a contest with a foe who has designs no less deadly than those we have ever faced."

"Make no mistake about it, the chips are down." Winning this struggle is as vital to the peace and prosperity of the world as any military campaign in history."

Clearly referring to proposals in Congress to cut Marshall Plan expenditure, the General emphasised "the tremendous importance of carrying through on the scale planned."

"We must avoid proposals to enslave and reduce ECA to a mere relief effort," he said. "At the same time it is very clear to me that we cannot continue this sort of extraordinary aid indefinitely. Therefore, the termination date of June 30, 1952, should be adhered to."





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# WOMANSENSE

## HAT OF THE EVENING



Hat of the evening was worn by Moira Lister. Catherine-wheel effect is achieved by champagne-coloured plumes. Also at the Empress Club parade was a flower-basket hat.

## Irish Beauty Climbs To Stardom

By PATRICIA CLARY

**HOLLYWOOD.**  
A BEAUTIFUL young Irish actress climbed out of a radio studio's basement mimeographing room to play the lead on a big radio show.

Then she said good-night to the other stars and went back to the basement to finish her mimeographing.  
She is Marion Kennedy, 23, of Dublin, and she worked her way toward stardom just by carrying mimeographed scripts to radio producers and standing around looking hopeful.

Miss Kennedy was brought to Hollywood from Ireland by a big film studio. They kept her working six months to get rid of her accent.

"Then," she quaintly puts it, "I lost my option."  
Miss Kennedy kept on taking drama lessons from the late Maria Ouspenskaya and others. She had a job working nights in the National Broadcasting Co.'s mimeograph room so she could eat, too.

This apparently is standard procedure with struggling artists. "Nearly everybody else in the mimeograph department," she said, "is working nights so he can study ballet or singing during the day."

### Little Part First

Miss Kennedy was mimeographing the scripts of a radio version of "Chicken Every Sunday" when the producer she delivered them to learned about her acting ambitions.

"He gave me just a little part," she said.  
The next producer she worked for gave her another "very tiny" role.

Her next assignment was mimeographing a script from John Galsworthy's "The Patricians" for the NBC University Theatre.

"I hoped so when I was typing it I could get one of those little parts," she said. "I almost fell backward when the producer called me in and offered me one of the principal roles. I was so excited I fell into a desk on my way out."

Miss Kennedy gets paid extra, of course, for the acting part she gets.  
"A few more big parts," she thrilled, "and I'll give up mimeographing entirely."



—London Express Service.

## PAIN IN THE ARM

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

A GREAT many people suffer from a group of symptoms which seem chiefly to affect the arm, causing pain, tingling and numbness. While this type of discomfort can be brought on by a variety of causes, in most instances it is due to one of two groups of conditions.

The first is arthritis or inflammation of the joints in the upper part of the spine. In this condition there is an overgrowth of bone, and movements of the neck may cause the nerves coming from the spinal cord to be stretched or they may rub over the projecting pieces of bone. In either case, pain in the arm develops.

### Complete Rest

The treatment in early cases consists in rest and avoidance of strain on the affected joints. In severe cases, complete rest in bed may be necessary. Later on it may be advisable to wear a plaster or leather collar to support the neck. This collar is worn for three months after the symptoms have all disappeared.

In late cases, manipulation or movement of the joints with the patient under an anaesthetic may give temporary relief and sometimes may even result in permanent cure of the symptoms.

### Nerve Roots

The second cause of the pain in the arm is pressure on the nerve roots due to the growth of an extra rib known as a cervical rib. It may also be due to pressure by a muscle in the neck known as the scalenus anticus muscle. Poor posture often occurs in persons of middle age or older which allows

pressure on these nerves. In these cases, also, the patient should be advised to avoid carrying heavy weights. The active use of the arm should be split up into short periods. When resting, the arm should be supported as on the arm of a chair. If the symptoms are severe, a sling may be employed. Improvement of the posture by exercise may be helpful.

### Hanging Pictures

There's no rigid rule about how high or low a picture should be hung except so that it can be seen to best advantage. This differs with whether or not the viewers are more frequently standing or sitting. Pictures in a hallway, usually looked at by people standing, should be hung higher than in a living room, where they are usually viewed by people sitting down.

## Night Blooming Beauty



By ALICE ALDEN

THE ballet-length strapless evening gown when beautifully handled is a delight to both wearer and audience. Mrs. Laurita Melchior posed for us in her idea of this type of gown. Designed by Mr. John, the white net dress has an accordion-pleated skirt with a shimmering black overskirt of the same fabric, parted at the side. Mrs. Melchior's diamond spray jewellery is cleverly used as an integral part of the dress design itself, to lend additional beauty to the softly tucked bodice, and to mark the division of the animated overskirt. The soft hair-do and the charming evening sandals complete the mood of this interesting evening mode.

## Beautiful Model Is Nurse Also

By BART KINCH

**NEW YORK.**  
BABIES at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre get a beautiful view of life when they gurgles for attention and lovely Jeanne Olson answers their call.

Miss Olson is a nurse at the baby hospital and when not entering to the needs of tomorrow's citizens she is a top-notch fashion model.

Born in Ridgewood, N. J., 22 years ago, Miss Olson started nursing early in life. As a young girl she used to pretend that she was a doctor's wife. "He was always away on a case and I would take care of his patients until he returned," she explained. "The patients were my dolls."

**Signed For Modelling**

Jeanne clung to her early ambition and in September, 1948, was graduated from the Englewood Hospital school of nursing. After graduation she joined the staff of Columbia's baby hospital.

Her off duty hours were taken up with further medical studies at Columbia University. After finishing her courses, she signed up for a Barburton modelling course.

"I didn't intend to become a model," she said, "I just took the course to have something interesting to do. I guess I sort of drifted into the modelling field."

The school was so impressed with her beauty and photographic qualities that they asked her to give up nursing and become a full-time fashion model.

"I told them 'No. I'm a nurse. I have always wanted to be a nurse and I intend to remain active in hospital work," she said.

"I told them 'If you want me to do fashion modelling I will, just so long as it doesn't conflict with my duties at the hospital.'"

Jeanne still follows her rule, modelling only when she is off duty from the hospital.

Her life, however, was not always one of success and good fortune. At the age of six she was run down by a truck and suffered paralysis of the face. Doctors were considering the advisability of operating or a wait and watch policy.

The latter course was decided upon "temporarily." It proved successful. The blood clot which caused the paralysis cleared up and muscular co-ordination was restored.

### Swimming Enthusiast

Before becoming a nurse and model, Jeanne taught swimming and diving at the Graydon pool in Ridgewood for two years.

Today she remains an ardent swimming enthusiast, listing it up a par with her other hobbies of modelling and walking.

Jeanne is 5 ft. 6½ inches tall, weighs 109, has dark hair, blue eyes and a captivating smile. Added to that is her innate charm, intelligence and vivacious personality.

Her ambition, incidentally, is to marry and have five children.

"I don't particularly care whether they are all boys, all girls or mixed," she said, "just so long as there are at least five of them."

## Shopping News

THE mother-to-be in England will be interested in a new maternity department, just opened in a big store. Wool dresses can be bought and a very nice model, with full instructions for converting it later for ordinary wear.

Evening skirts in heavy crepe, so useful for wearing at home or for dinner parties under silk, brocade or lame tunics, and smart velveteen cocktail suits, with useful jackets that can be teamed with other skirts and frocks.

One of the best "buys" is a simple wool housecoat, with short sleeves and studded with big bead buttons round the neck and cuffs, ideal for winter evenings at home.

## Good Grooming Is a Daily Job



Courtesy Colgate

Careful application of a well-selected nail polish is the final expert touch to the well-groomed woman. Choose colours appropriate for time, place and occasion.

By HELEN FOLLETT

KEEPING young, animated and pleasing to the eye should be the aim, ambition and business of every woman. It isn't right to let one's beauty petals fall. The idea of beauty must have its roots in the mind, then it will bloom. Plain Jane must never think of herself as being plain; she should hand herself a little apple sauce now and then, tell herself that she can be charming. She will develop personality that way.

Moments must be found for certain good looks chore. The complexion must be kept in perfect condition by careful bathing with a bland soap, by the free use of soothing cosmetics that will not only keep the surface of the skin smooth, but will act as preservative agents, delaying the ravages of blemishes. One must be mindful of the need of grooming for hands and finger nails. Hands require the daily use of a lotion, a brisk, light step.

Outdoor life is a must. Without it a woman goes stale, falls into a rut, may have morbid moments. If no outdoor sport off on a hike, take a brisk walk every day. Walking seems to be something that American women just don't do. English women think nothing of clipping off ten miles, and they have wonderful, clear, colourful complexions. Then there is the need of long hours of sleep. A balance of work and play will make life pleasanter and healthier than if it is all work or all play. Mental health is vitally important; it is reflected in the sparkle of the eyes and the

## Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



## Easily-Made Steamed Pudding

THE proof of the pudding is in the eating. Monsieur, I refer you to your own French pate de choux, the cream puffs. They are made by a method similar to this pudding.

"Ah, now I understand! Why didn't I think of that? Those lumps of flour have now cooked out smooth, the dough is leaving the sides of the pan and forms a ball around the spoon as you stir. Quick, take it off the stove. Madame, it will burn!"

"Now don't get excited, Chef, this dough has to cook 2 minutes longer. I'll turn heat very low and stir constantly. You see this is really a pudding that is prepared before it is steamed. The flour was put into the hot liquid and eggs, and cooked all the time I was stirring. This last 2 minutes' cooking takes away the raw taste. Here's a little sample on this teaspoon. You can judge for yourself."

"Oul, Madame, the pudding is already cooked through. But how do you add the raisins?" "First I mix in a little baking soda, to make the pudding rise a bit, and now I'll work in the raisins. There. The pudding is ready to be spooned into that 3-pint mould I've already oiled."

"And now what happens, Madame?" "I shall let the pudding cool, then cover it with aluminium foil, tie it on tight over the top, and put the pudding in the refrigerator until I wish to steam it."

**Dinner**  
Hot Tomato Juice  
Boiled Beef Horse-Radish Sauce  
Potato Pancakes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Pickled Beets on Lettuce  
Steamed Raisin Ginger Pudding  
Fluffy Pineapple Sauce  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)  
Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

**Boiled Beef**  
Order 3 to 4 lbs. fresh brisket, chuck or rump of beef. Place in a kettle, pour in boiling water nearly to cover, add 1 peeled sliced onion, 2 tsp. salt and ½ tsp. mixed pickle spice including ¼ bayleaf. Bring to a rapid boil. Cover and simmer until fork-

### Steamed Raisin Ginger Pudding

Sift together 1½ c. enriched flour, ½ tsp. salt and 2½ tsp. powdered ginger. Next combine in a heavy 1-qt. sauce pan ¾ c. unsulphured molasses, ¾ c. water and 1/3 c. shortening, any kind. Heat these together until boiling rapidly. Next beat 3 eggs light.

Gradually beat in the boiling molasses mixture, using a hand beater. Then, still using the beater, gradually beat the dry ingredients directly into the hot liquid. Cook over a very low heat until the mixture forms a soft ball which leaves the bottom and sides of the pan clean, as in making cream puff dough. Stir vigorously and scrape up the mixture from the bottom. Then slow-cook an additional 2 min. stirring constantly. It lumps form in the mixture they will smooth out later. Add 1 tsp. sifted baking soda, and 1 tsp. rum flavouring if desired, a single well-greased 3-pt. mould or 2 small moulds. Cover and store without further cooking until ready to serve. Just before serving steam the pudding. Unmould and serve hot with fluffy pineapple sauce, lemon sauce or hard sauce.

**To Steam the Pudding:** Put on a rack in a deep kettle. Pour in boiling water to half cover the mould. Cover and boil steadily for 40 min.

**Fluffy Pineapple Sauce:** To 1½ c. pineapple juice add 1/3 c. sugar and boil slowly 5 min. Then beat 1 egg light. Gradually beat in the pineapple juice; return to the heat and cook and stir 1 min., or until slightly thickened. Add 1 tsp. lemon and work in 2 cups seeded raisins. Spoon the mixture into juice.



# Neptune may beat subs.

**MOST ENCOURAGING—WINSTON**

An answer may have been found to the U boat menace in a future war, Mr. Churchill declared in his review of defence in Parliament recently. It is the U.S. Neptune aeroplane.

He said that an official U. S. publication gave information of the kind America feels safe to disclose—in contrast to the total security blanket imposed by the British Government.

It was an account of the equipment of aircraft called

to detect a submarine's propellers and transmit the signals to the aeroplane overhead, which can then plot the submarine's course.

It has a sensitive "search" radar which enables it to note the small target presented by the Schnorkel tube over a wide area, which was formerly impossible.

"I have not read anything so encouraging for many a long day," said Mr. Churchill. "The menace of the U boat might be finally overcome."

## DETECTION DEVICES

Science Reporter Chapman Pincher writes:—The Neptune is a two-engined bomber. It carries three detection devices:—

1 Sono-buoys—small buoys dropped by parachute round an area believed to contain a submerged submarine.

Each buoy automatically lowers a microphone into the water to pick up any sounds from submarine propellers. It then transforms the sounds into radio signals, which are sent out from an aerial.

"The pilot of the Neptune circles over the area sees these signals on an indicator. Each buoy is differently coloured and transmits a distinctive signal."

The buoys which record the strongest signals on the indicator are the ones nearest the submarine.

2 A fine-focus radar set which can locate the protruding end of a Schnorkel—the breathing pipe enabling submarines to recharge their batteries without surfacing.

3 MAD—a magnetic airborne detector—which can find a deeply submerged submarine. Lowered from the plane, it detects the distortions of the earth's magnetism produced by the submarine's metal hull.

The Neptune can attack a submarine it finds with bombs, rockets, and depth charges. It can also call up surface vessels by radio.

—London Express Service.

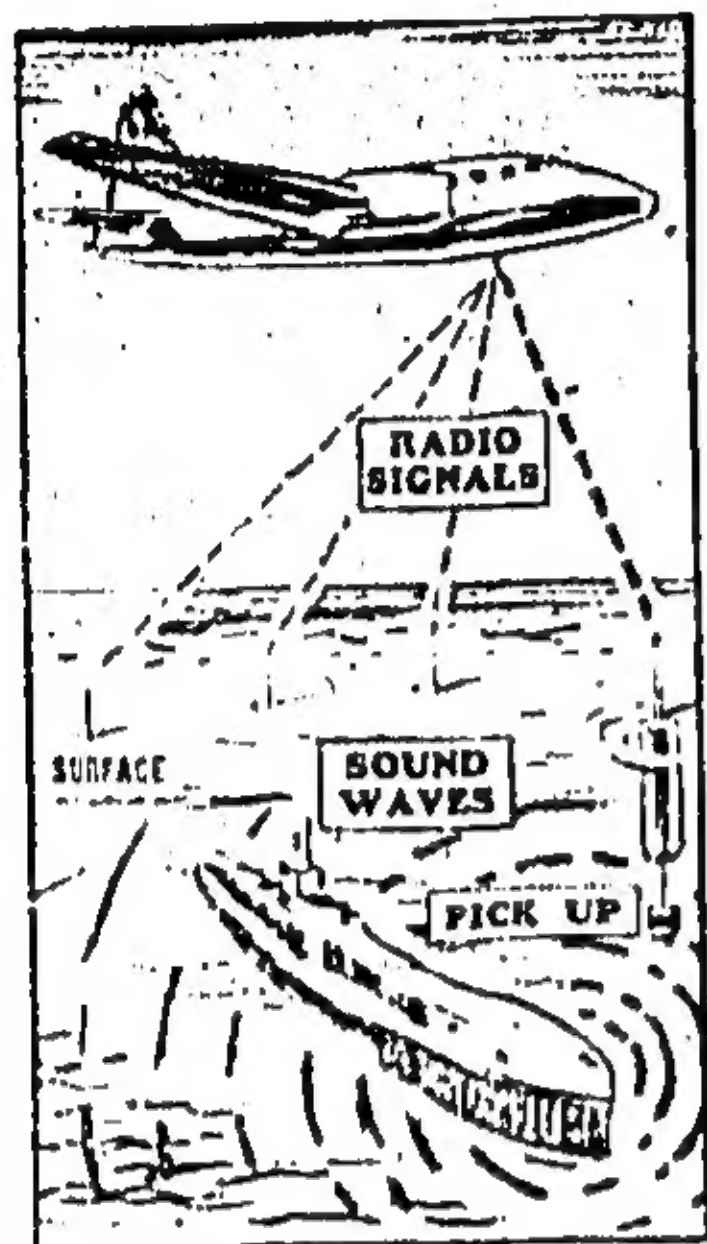


Diagram shows how a Neptune aircraft—carrying the Neptune's detection devices—transmits a submarine's propeller sounds into radio signals.

Neptune, having a record range of 11,260 miles with electronic equipment.

The aircraft drop buoys equipped with sensitive apparatus.

## Migrants say: We won't mix

By HAROLD DALE

SYDNEY.

Federal security agents have uncovered a move by European displaced-person immigrants to form a National Front in Australia.

They report that a secret meeting of nearly 100 Hungarians in Sydney was urged by a speaker in clerical robes, "Benedictine" (Hungarian) and do not become absorbed in the Australian way of life.

"Australians do not welcome the peoples of Europe. We must form a closed and exclusive circle of Hungarians known to be reliable."

The speaker pointed to 20 former Hungarian Army officers who he said should be regarded as the leaders of their countrymen in Australia.

Immigration Minister Harold Holt said: "I have ordered an immediate inquiry. The ancient principle of immigration policy is that migrants be speedily assimilated into the Australian community."

### 'WE CAN DEPORT'

"There may be groups who will resist. We can deport any migrants found guilty of disruptive or subversive action, and we shall not hesitate to do so."

Asked about the danger of other secret European national fronts, Brigadier F. G. Callaghan, chairman of the International Refugee Organisation's Australian section, said:

"Our security measures in Europe do not permit any former Nazi or Fascist coming to Australia. Immigrants of other political allegiances are equally undesirable."

"Measures are being taken to exclude all possible subversive elements."

## STONE AGE IN 20TH CENTURY



The Sussex town of Rye is keeping up-to-date the old-fashioned way. With its streets in need of repair, workmen lay new cobblestones, of which there are about 100 to the square yard. Each stone is put into place separately and, all the work is done by hand. (Acme).

## Taxes Pay For Huge Gifts To Farmers

By Frederick Cook

New York. For a prime example of what happens when Governments start interfering in matters better left to business men, Americans and Canadians are drawing attention to food mix-ups afflicting this continent.

Floundering efforts are being made by the United States and Canadian Governments to get rid of huge surpluses of food of which they have become the reluctant owners under the "farm price support" programmes in both countries.

In Canada, it has been officially announced that warehouses are bulging with butter—46,494,000lb. of it. This butter, and 41,127,000lb. of cheese now in storage, was bought by the taxpayer at the last production peak. The supplies are being sold slowly at knock-down prices.

But, caught in their own trap, the Canadian Government are preparing to do the same thing with eggs. Consumers, meanwhile, go on paying top prices at shops, and paying taxes to finance more huge gifts to farmers.

In America there are still 3,000,000,000 dried eggs in a Kansas cave and other storage dumps, with no buyers in sight. Washington now plans to give away 73,000,000lb. to schools and relief agencies.

### TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

Meanwhile potatoes are being sent both ways across the border.

Time magazine reports that a Minnesota farmer had a large unsold stock of 1949 potatoes. A Government buyer named him a cheque for about £700 for 160,000lb. of them. The farmer, in return, handed him a cheque for about £5, buying back his own potatoes as "cattle feed."

Thus the potatoes were kept off the market; housewives went on paying top price for the few pounds they wanted, and the farmer pocketed a cash gift from the taxpayer.

### BOON TO DRIVERS

A 7d. vitamin capsule half the size of a hen's egg, developed during the war on the Alaska Highway, is now ensuring that American motorists get first-try starts even in temperatures as low as 25 below zero.

It is standard equipment for many makes of tractors, buses, and lorries, and now, with the aid of an adapter costing £5, it has been made available to car drivers.

The capsule contains at tea-spoonful of "Chevron starter fluid"—a combination of ethyl and ether, plus petroleum products.

Capules, wrapped like toffees, are sold in tins for storage.

### HOW IT WORKS

Priming system employed on private cars consists of a plunger, reservoir and primer exposed on the dashboard. The rest—copper wire and injection nozzle—are under the hood, and attached to the intake manifold induction system.

On a wintry day a driver slips a capsule into the reservoir and presses the plunger. This releases the fluid, which is forced through an atomising nozzle.

The secret of the fluid lies in its very high explosive qualities. Supplies of capsules are available for export to Britain if it is possible to get import licences.

### BUILDING BOOM

NEW YORK is in the midst of a great building boom, with at least 20 new skyscrapers going up, all in the mid-Manhattan section known as the Grand Central Zone.

None of the new buildings will rival in height the 102-story, 1,220ft. Empire State. Largest is the Uno Secretariat building, with 39 floors.

A new 25-story office building will have underground space for 600 cars—a novelty for New York.

—London Express Service.

## Feet Tired? Tell The Town Hall

One in every 10 householders in London, Bedfordshire, are being invited by the medical officer of health, Dr R. M. Dykes, to tell him about the foot troubles of themselves and their families.

Dr Dykes says that if people co-operate, valuable information will be obtained which will enable the Health Service to direct its resources toward eliminating predominant foot ailments.

On a form with a letter from the doctor there is space for people to list their "lired feet, corns, bunions, hammer-toes, dropped arches, etc. etc."

### FIRST SURVEY

Most orthopaedic surgeons, says Dr Dykes, believe that a large percentage of foot troubles arise through defective footwear among children.

He points out that Luton is recognised as a "research" town.

This foot survey is the first organised by a public health department.

Footnotes: There are nearly 70,000 pair of feet in Luton.

—London Express Service.

## AMERICANS CAN MARRY CHEAPLY

By Harmon W. Nichols

This won't go down well with our lovely women folk, but you've got to face the facts. The U.S. National Geographic Society says that American brides come cheap—on a down payment basis, that is—compared to their less civilised sisters in the grass skirt sets in primitive lands.

## Some Went Wrong, But Others Came Off

Thomas Edison, the inventor, in a New Year message, yesterday predicted the following inventions as "not far distant":—

NICKEL will be used instead of paper for books: a nickel book 2ins. thick with 40,000 pages....

AIRCRAFT will fly straight up in the air from the ground before they are propelled forward....

SUITS, packed in boxes, will come from a machine that is fed with cloth, buttons, thread, and tissue paper....

STEEL will replace wood in the making of furniture....

HUGE mechanical farming implements will replace the present agricultural tools. The farmer will perform manual work seated beside a push-button and levers....

THE YESTERDAY: Jan. 1, 1911.

TELEVISION IS ON THE WAY

TELEVISION will become a definite part of electrical science within 10 or 20 years, said Sir Ernest Rutherford at a dinner of electrical engineers.

THE YESTERDAY: Nov. 26, 1927.

WOMEN WILL WEAR THE TROUSERS

SKIRTS will soon be things of the past, thinks M. Paul Poiret, the Paris dressmaker.

He said: "Trousers for women will not be a mere short-lived fad. They will be as inevitable as bobbed hair, here to stay."

THE YESTERDAY: Jan. 16, 1927.

RADIO MAY CIRCLE THE WORLD

MR MARCONI, who transmitted the first WIRELESS signal across the Atlantic 25 years ago, said: "It may be possible that, by the use of the beam system, events which are broadcast in England will be heard simultaneously in all parts of the world."

THE YESTERDAY: Dec. 11, 1926.

If the American lover has \$2 or so in his jeans he can buy a marriage licence and trot his girl off to the altar. There, after pledging to love, honour, and obey, he can slip the parson whatever he can afford and be away on his honeymoon.

But that's not so in some other lands.

The N. G. S. has looked into the matter and comes up with some interesting data.

Take New Guinea. There the native swains find a price tag of \$600 on their lady loves.

True, they can go into the woods and pluck a few wild flowers and maybe spear a wild boar for the wedding feast, but there still remains the original cash outlay.

In Nigeria, the high cost of brides is causing a fine old to-do. Among the Ibo-speaking people of the country, a shapely, pretty girl may win for her father as much as \$250, while the parents of a homely girl with shiny pipes and buck teeth would have to be satisfied with three mangy goats.

Around the world where bride-buying is an accepted custom, a girl must hide her head in shame unless she earns something for Papa. In the society of the Kafir, members of the Bantu races of South Africa, a girl who is not bought with cattle is dubbed an "old cat" by her samphire sisters. An "old cat" there adds up to one word—"worthless."

With the Kuki-Lushai people of Assam, India, a young man is expected to give a few pounds of fire-water to his sweetheart's parents when he calls to ask her to be his own.

If the people accept him, he moves in on the girl's father and goes right to work. He becomes a servant in the household for three years. Then, if he has kept his nose dry, clean, and has otherwise behaved, he is free to wed. But another two years of servitude is required before he can go into the woods and cut down the material for his own thatch hut.

In Alaska, the situation is different. A hopeful suitor of the Koni doesn't bother to ask for parental consent. He slips silently into the old man's igloo and begins to cook, clean, and take care of steaming up water for the baths. If he does a good job, he is allowed to work on for a year, then he can marry the girl and start igloo-inhabiting on his own.

There are a lot of bachelors among such tribes as the Basukuma, who live southeast of Lake Victoria, in Africa.

It is tough down there in the hot country.

A Basukuma beau not only must work two years to earn his lady, but is expected to bring along 60 sheep as a first instalment on his bride.

If he doesn't, he's in in-law doghouse for life.

In contrast, in America—we fellows expect, by tradition, to have the father-in-law foot all of the bills for the wedding, give us a set of sterling and perhaps a new house for a wedding present, and to leave us forever alone once we settle down.—United Press.

## HAY FOOT



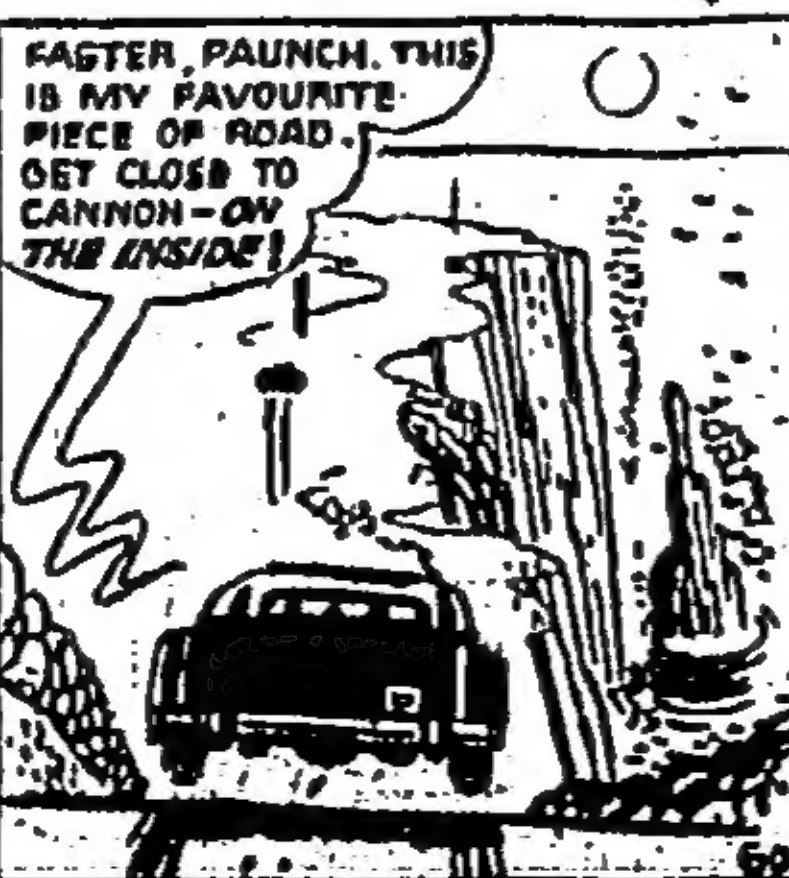
Actress Adele Mara, shown in Hollywood, has been dubbed Miss Straw Blonde by shoe men in California. And speaking of shoes, Adele seems to be playing hay foot, straw foot with the one she's fastening on.

## MARSHALL AID MADE THIS



Bridging a gorge across the Arve River, high in the French Alps near Le Fayet, this steel tube will support its own weight when it goes into use. It is one of the units employed in the spectacular harnessing of two rivers with the help of Marshall Aid funds. The wooden shack, top centre, indicates the height of the tunnel where the syphon action begins. (Acme).

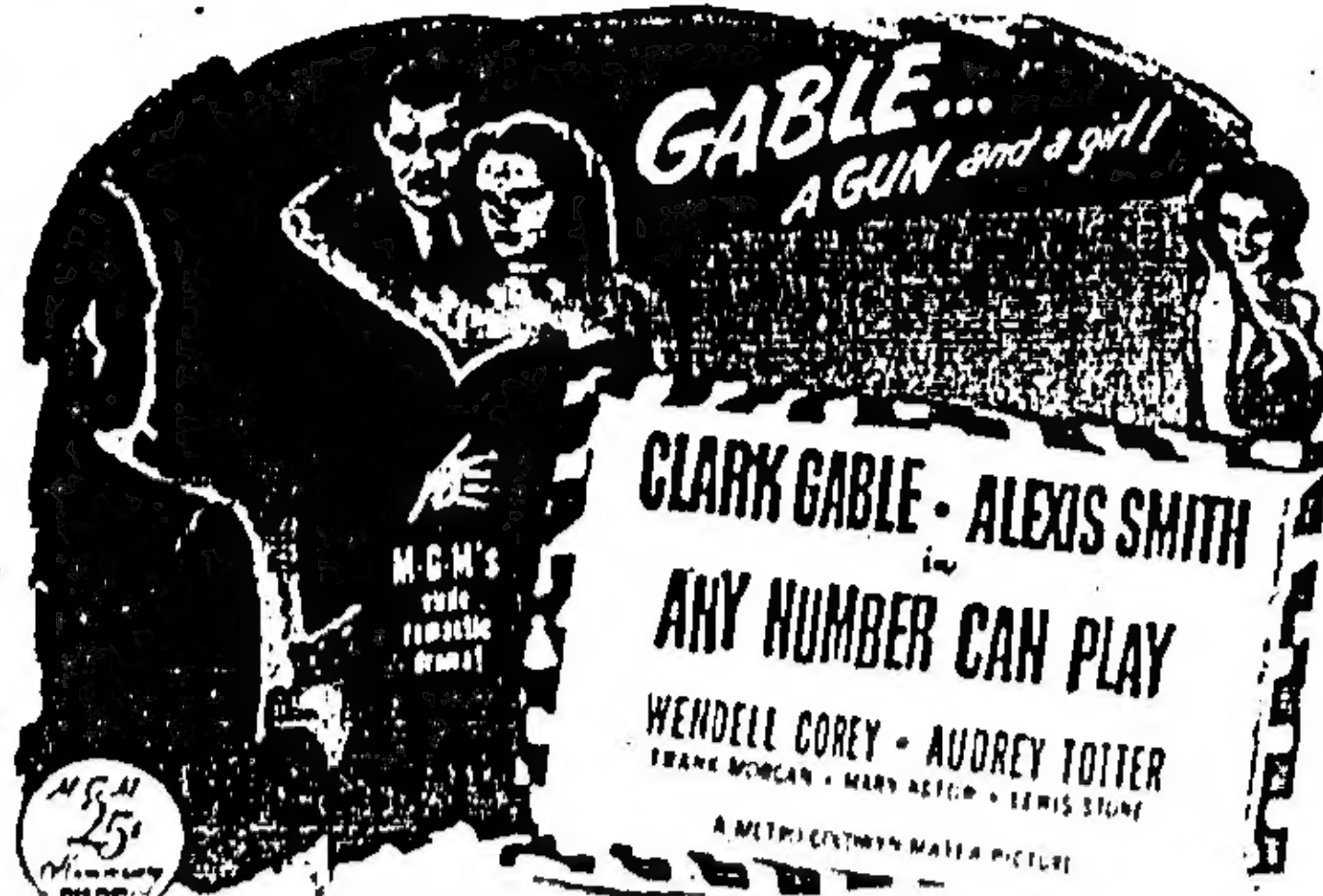
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# Striped pants take over from brass hats

BERLIN.  
THE rule of the British Generals in Germany, five years after Hitler's defeat, is over. That to Britons in Germany, and Germans on both sides of the Iron Curtain, is the meaning of the Foreign Office announcement that General Sir Brian Hubert Robertson has been taken from his post of British High Commissioner in Germany to become British Commander-in-Chief Middle East.

And the appointment of his successor confirms it. Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, chief of the Foreign Office, German political department, now to become British High Commissioner in Germany, is a professional career diplomat.

So nearly one year after the Americans "civilianised" their administration, the British follow suit.

Sir Ivone is an expert on Germany, and he knows the Germans well. He served as First Secretary at the British Embassy in Berlin in the Hitler appeasement era from 1933-8. I saw him in Munich when Mr Chamberlain came to make his peace with Hitler.

So, here we are. Back where we started—Berlin, 1938.

But the generals are not the only people wondering in Germany. Germans and Britons are trying to find the answer to the question—Why is Robertson going so suddenly?

On the face of it his removal from Germany to the Middle East looks like demotion. A Military

## ONE YEAR LATER, BRITAIN FOLLOWS THE U.S. LEAD IN RUNNING GERMANY

by  
Selkirk Panton

Governor and then High Commissioner in Germany for the past two and a half years, Robertson, now 53, had the most important post any Englishman had outside the United Kingdom. He enjoyed the powers of a viceroy.

Everyone said he was Mr Bevin's blue-eyed boy in Germany, and had the complete confidence and support of the Foreign Secretary.

Now why is he giving up all this power and position as the only British "viceroy" left in the world for a purely military job as Commander-in-Chief Middle East?

## Two reasons

HE is a man who would refuse what he might consider a less important post. He cannot be fooled around with.

And he is not "married" to the British Army. When his father, Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson—"the first tank" to become a field-marshal—died in 1933, Sir Brian threw up his Army career, went to South Africa and became managing director of Dunlop there.

Then in the war he became one of Britain's greatest Army administrators. Vehemently British officials in Bonn denied that he had been "fired" or "deprived of his post."

## C.V.R. THOMPSON ON TOUR

## Bullets Write Welcome

SNYDER, Texas.  
EVEN on last year's maps of Texas, Snyder is just a little black dot. Its population is given as 4,000, its livelihood as farming.

Well, today I am in Snyder, and it is time they changed all that.

For, believe me, there is more traffic right now in the main square than I have ever seen in Piccadilly Circus.

It has just taken me ten minutes to cross one street in one piece, and I am staying where I am in the Snyder National Bank until the rush hour is over.

The bank is a good place to stay, anyway. It is so crowded in town that they say I will have to float a loan to get anything better than a tent to sleep in tonight.

DESIDES, it is comforting to be so near to 25,000,000 which is what banker Hubbard takes in once a month from this ex-backwoods town.

The 250 farmers still come in to see him regularly. But no longer do they ask for a loan.

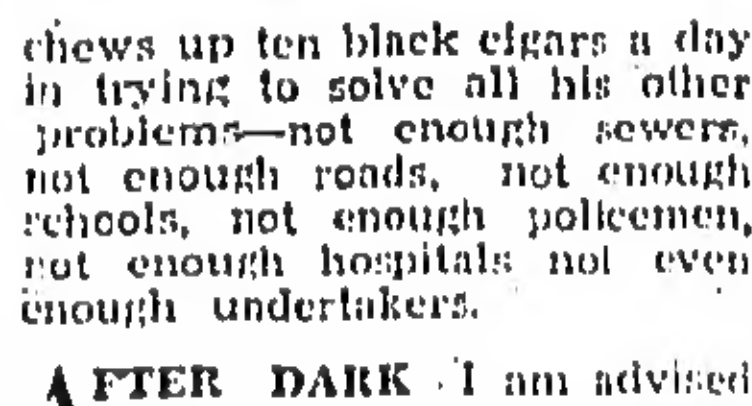
Now they are bringing him money—£1,000 or more a month each.

And in case you are wondering what has come over Snyder, the answer is black gold—oil, so much oil that they are opening up new wells every week.

They are building all night in Snyder, which has become a city overnight.

But it takes time to build even the most makeshift home. And there are still 8,000 people—men, women, and babies—living in caravans.

HOUSES are the chief problem facing the once-genial mayor, Forrest Sears, who now



chews up ten black crows a day in trying to solve all his other problems—not enough sewers, not enough roads, not enough schools, not enough policemen, not enough hospitals not even enough undertakers.

AFTER DARK I am advised to keep indoors, even if indoors is only a tent. The men whom the lure of black gold has brought to Snyder are known locally as "tough hombres."

So far, fortunately, most of their tricker practice has been at the expense of nothing more animate than the "Welcome to Snyder" sign at the city limits.

The words "Where the cotton grows and the oil flows" are neatly picked out in bullet-holes.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in an oil find, the men who have made all the money in the Snyder boom are the farmers who originally owned the land.

It all happened so fast that the speculators who rushed into town to bilk them out of their holdings did not have time to make their deals.

The speculators are pouring back again today. That is because of a new rumour that oil is likely to be found in a 40,000-acre tract 30 miles from here.

POSTSCRIPT. I am not sleeping in a tent tonight. A speculator, who thinks I am a "rube" with a few of those 40,000 acres, has just got into conversation with me.

He believes I have come to town to make a deal. And so I can have his bed.

But still tongues are wagging. Why has he accepted the Middle East? Many reasons are given, but there are two which may be valid.

Mr Bevin, in a long talk with Sir Brian at the Foreign Office, may have told him that the British Government desires to have a first-class administrator in charge of the vital Middle East, with its oilfields, should the East-West cold war become hotter.

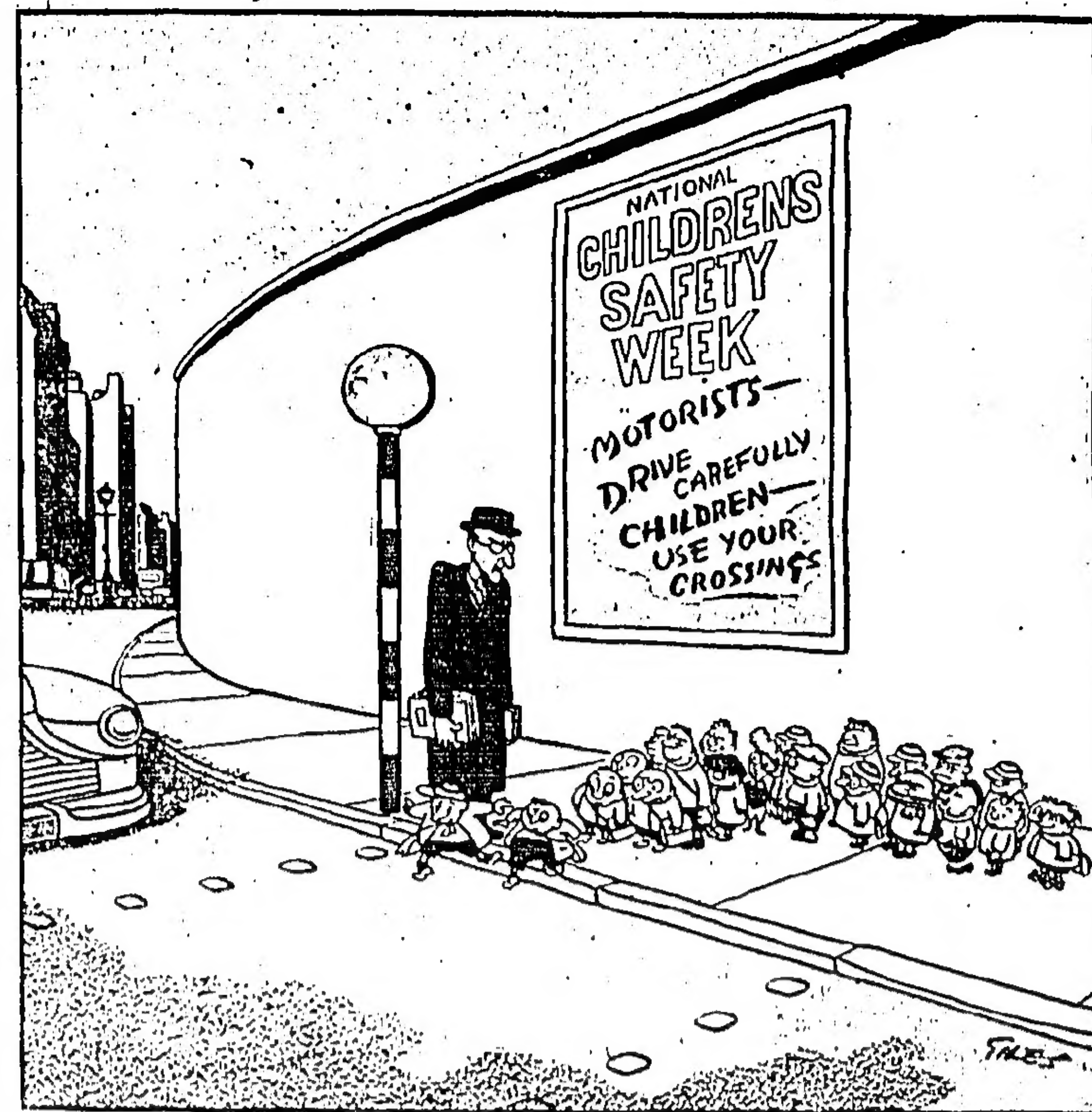
## A peerage?

SIR BRIAN may also have the son's desire to cap his father's fame. As British High Commissioner in Germany—now a civilised post—he could not become a field-marshal. But as an active officer, controlling the Middle East that prospect is open to him.

Then, too, he might change his baronetcy for the peerage—Field-Marshal Lord Robertson (of Berlin).

Perhaps Mr Bevin has hinted that this might happen. It would not be the first time. But we shall have to wait until June when the hand-over takes place.

—London Express Service.



"This week the practice of certain undesirables referring to boys who use the crossing as 'Clissy' will cease."

London Express Service

# SPAIN may banish its bullrings

BY L.W.  
PHELPS-ORIEN

A POWERFUL campaign to outlaw bullfighting is being waged in Spain this Easter.

Spain is the one country in which this inhuman sport has reigned supreme for centuries. In 225 arenas during a 20-week season, 1,600 bulls and 5,000 horses meet their deaths.

Today more than 1,000,000 opponents of the sport, leagued under the Spanish Federation of Humane Societies, have signed a manifesto appealing to General Franco to outlaw the bullring.

At least one famous matador, Bacherito, has emerged from retirement to denounce his old profession, and now his scarlet cape hangs in the head office of the Anti-Bullfight League.

At dusty small-town arenas to the mammoth 40,000-seat bullring in Barcelona, weekly fight audiences total 800,000, however, and they are unlikely

to surrender a sport so powerfully established as football in Britain.

The Bullfighters' Union insists on £100 per fight for the meanest performer, and ace matadors like Rafael Llorente can earn £36,000.

Juan Belmonte, a classic performer, once signed a contract for 20 fights at £1,500 each, but now the topmost stars—Luis Morales, Marcial Lalanda, Lorenzo Garza—get an average fee of £300 to £500 for killing three out of the six bulls in an afternoon—and few bulls last longer than 20 minutes. An ace fighter, Legarrito, slew 5,000 bulls in 1,700 high-priced fights.

## Blood and sand

ASTONISHING organisations like the Salamanca women fans club take up whole blocks of seats for weeks on end. Behind the scenes an affluent bloodstock industry breeds 2,000 pedigree 1,200-lb. bulls for the market, and thousands more are imported.

Come with me to a bull fight. Visiting Madrid recently, I saw the famous Sunday afternoon show at the 35,000-seater Plaza Toros. Price from 2s. 6d. to 35s., the seats are booked weeks beforehand—the best on the shady side of the arena, where one's eyes cannot be dazzled by the sun; the cheapest in the highest sunshine gallery.

Blood and sand! The phrase comes to mind—yet the colouring is a symphony. The yellow sand of the arena shades into the brown wood of the safety alley; the orange lamps above it offset the sombre-clad modern audience. The atmosphere

resembles a sports track rather than a scene that perpetuates the spirit of ancient Rome.

A trumpet blows and the show begins. First, the parade. The parade of the picadors, upright on their padded horses, pinnions flying; the banderilleros—the matadors and the cuadrillas, their assistants, a cavalcade gleaming in gold and silver, yellow and purple, as swarming as the music they march past the President.

## First phase

THE average matador is too highly skilled to risk danger. He knows to a split second how long a crowd will consent to watch a demonstration of pure technique. He can judge to a breath the pitch of exhaustion reached by the bull, and thus time the end.

It's a breath-catching moment at the Plaza Toros as the doors open and the bull runs but, snorting yet, apparently a little startled by the sunlight and the noise of the band. This introduces the oddest feature of bullfighting. The bull has to undergo a series of painful provocations before he consents to be annoyed.

The picador opens the first phase of the duel, edging his horse nearer, his long lance raised. Prodded, pricked, perhaps the bull charges, worrying the padding around the horse, sometimes half lifting the animal on his horns. The banderilleros follow up. These dart-throwers may be matadors in the making or sometimes even matadors of fame. In gleaming costume, one dances forward, a feathered dart in either hand.

## The Charge

NOW, for the first time, there is blood, a mere darker stain on the brown hide of the bull, sharing nothing with the flame cloaks now brought into play. The bull charges, enraged, panting heavily yet often still seeming puzzled.

And so at last, the matador advances, his short sword concealed beneath his cape. He stands still, his cape behind him, awaiting the charge, and at the last moment swings

away. That is the Mariposa, the butterfly. He halts and challenges his adversary from the front, keeping his cape slowly flicking just ahead of the bull's horns, moving ever backwards as the animal advances. His cape wipes the face of the beast. That is the move Verónica.

Or if, with his cape, he can cause the animal to move backwards and forwards, turning and returning, applause spatters around the arena. If he can cause the bull to run right around him, experts clap with gusto. If he is slow, there are cries of derision. Or something goes wrong. The matador runs, his assistants dodging hither and thither, attempting to distract the bull's attention. Horns crash against the wooden barrier a split second after the matador has slipped behind it.

Now more work with the cape. The bull sees a strangely dimmed figure amid the taunting, bobbing manikins.

Now the matador returns. Standing close to the bull, he taunts his victim. There is silence in the sunshine as the bull is "placed" and stands directly facing the matador—an attitude essential before the man can make his charge of death. Only in this one way may the bull receive the coup de grace—and the matador must launch his sword in over the horns from the front.

## Final stroke

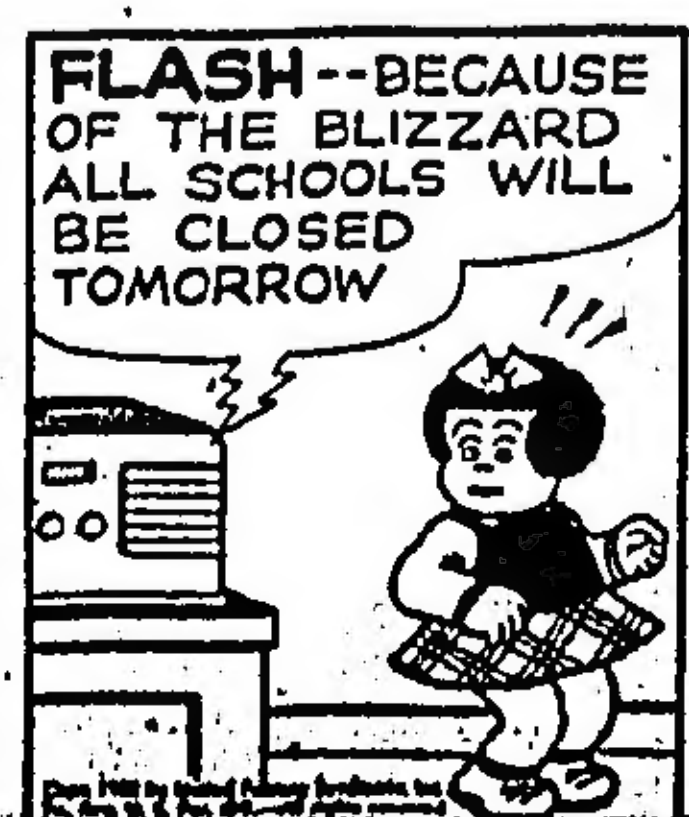
THE crowd waits. Suddenly the man runs forward, leaps upward. A swift flash and the sword has been driven into the bull's massive neck, almost to the hilt. The dying animal hurls, shivers, falls to its knees. And still it lives until another man comes forward to dispatch it with a knife.

Through the long afternoon, with intermissions of music, amid catcalls and cheers, the bulls face death.

In Spain, the arguments of the "sportsmen" and the humanitarians reach new fever heat. Bullfighting has already been abolished twice before by earlier political regimes, only to make a comeback. This gets a precedent, and today the animal lovers claim that, amid the horrors of this modern world, even a brute beast deserves a swift and humane end.

## NANCY

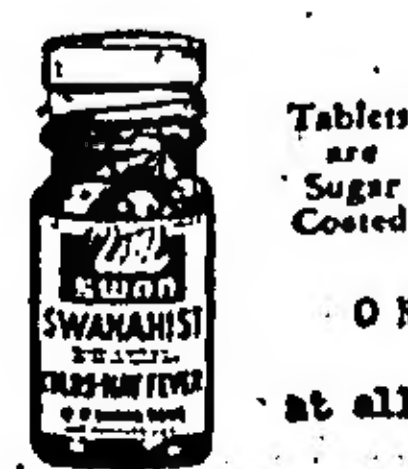
Falling Love



By Ernie Bushmiller

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# SCORPIONS BECOME THE CHAMPIONS A DAY EARLIER THAN EXPECTED

## BY "RECORDER"

The Scorpions became the Champions of the Senior Division of the League on Saturday—a day earlier than expected—as the RAF dismissed their only remaining challengers, the Army, for 31 runs at Sookunpoo, emerging the winners by 49 runs.

Though Army's new bowling sensation, Cullen, maintained his reputation in taking five more wickets for 36 runs and bringing his total in five matches to 30, the Airmen also found two wicket-taking bowlers to come off together.

J. G. Tyrer and K. C. A. Ball, both pace bowlers, took nine wickets for six runs and four for 17 respectively, Tyrer bowling four of his victims. Army's 31 was the second lowest score in First Division cricket this season. University's 21 against Recreio being the record low.

Yesterday, at Chater Road, the Scorpions took full points from their last League match of the season against Commandos and have now left only the Rest of the First Division to tackle in the Champions v. Rest game.

**ALL-TIME RECORD?** Frank Howarth set what may be an all-time record by taking five more wickets and bringing his total in the League to 103 for the season, an average of more than five wickets per match.

Len Stokes, who topped the batting averages last year, made sure of topping something by knocking up 118 runs, the second century of the League season and the highest score in First Division cricket this season.

Six matches were played off during the week-end, leaving six matches still on the postponed list. Craighower completed their fixtures against two close victories against the University at Happy Valley on Saturday and at Pokfulam on Sunday, the last by one wicket as Tommy Crabtree scored the winning four and Greenleaf was caught out on the next ball.

A Royal Navy team that had very little resemblance to any that has represented the Navy so far this season, victimised, as they did last year in similar circumstances, the Indian Recreation Club, for Navy's fourth victory of the season.

**CHALLENGE FOR THIRD** Club de Recreio last season's Senior League Champions, beat

## Ceylonese Draw At Rawalpindi

Rawalpindi, Apr. 2.—A surprise last-minute decision after it had been known that the match was abandoned, because of the state of the wicket, saw the Ceylonese versus the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's XI cricket match continued after tea. The match ended in a draw.

Ceylon did not continue their innings and the home side batted for 45 minutes, scoring 43 runs without loss.

A heavy shower at noon changed the patches of water on the wicket and in the outfield, leading to the report that the game had been abandoned.

The Ceylon captain, Coomaraswamy, expressed the opinion that the wicket was unplayable, but the home skipper, desired to carry on.

Thereupon the Ceylon innings was declared and the Pakistan team batted for the short period after tea.—Reuter.

## Australian Swimming Sensation Doesn't Know How To Turn!

New Haven, Connecticut, Apr. 2.—John Marshall, powerful but shy 20-year-old Australian, gave all credit today for his phenomenal performances "to my wonderful coaches who made me work hard and told me what to do."

Marshall, swimming for the Yale freshmen, turned in probably the greatest individual performance in history in the national AAU Indoor Championships at Yale's Payne Whitney 50-meter pool over the weekend.

The youth shook his head when the Yale freshman coach declared that Marshall "should become one of the greatest swimmers of all." Marshall said, "The best swimmer in the world today is Hirofumi Furuhashi of Japan. He has everything."

### LACKS GOOD TURN

Nevertheless, envious coaches hailed the dark-haired, broad-chested Marshall as a swimmer who would make a world-class swimmer. He is 5'10" tall, weighs 160 lbs., and is a freshman at Yale. He has been coached by the famous swimmer, John Burke, who has won many world titles. Marshall's performance in the 100-yard freestyle, 2:05.5, and in the 200-yard freestyle, 4:31.2, for 440 yards and 4:29.8 for 400 metres plus a meet record of 1:37.0 for 150 metres.

When Marshall entered Yale last September his 167-pounds were spread thinly over a five-foot 10-inch frame. Kipling singled him out for special body building exercises which added 10 pounds to his still slender build.—United Press.

### Backstroke Record

The Hague, Apr. 2.—The women's world record for the 200 metres backstroke was improved today by Geertje Willems, who, at Hilversum, returned a time of 2 mins. 35.3 secs. The world record at present on the books is 2 mins. 38.8 secs., made by Cor Kint, another Dutch swimmer, who established it in November, 1939.—Reuter.



INTERPORT HOCKEY

## A Cup At Stake But Still No Claimants

For the second year in succession, the Interport hockey match between Hongkong and Macao ended in a draw. This year there was a trophy—the Spalding Cup—waiting to be presented to the winners, but there were no claimants to it on the result of the game and no extra time was played to decide the holders of it.

The game was disappointing for the fact that little good hockey was seen. The visiting team was even less inclined to setting up a high standard of play and towards the later stages of the match Hongkong's stalwart half-back line of Marsh, Willie Reed and Bhagat Singh (pictured above), backed by two excellent backs in A. Nery and Richard Webb, had so demoralised the Macao attack that it was employing rush tactics and little else.

Hongkong's defence was never to be doubted easily and the goalkeeper, S. N. Ponniah, was practically untested throughout the match. The home team had the best of the match—played on the bumpy Navy Ground at King's Park.

The vagaries of the ball on an uneven surface may have upset Macao's game, as was suggested in some quarters, but conditions were the same for Hongkong. In the second half, following Umpire Xavier's enforcement of the new Corner Rule, there was a show of temper from the Macao players which was unfortunate.

Though as a team, the visitors at no stage showed up as well as they have done before even locally, three of their players shone. They were the centre-forward, Lawrence Ribeiro, the centre-half, Jose Rosario, and the left-back, Armando Basto.

**TOO WELL MARKED** Hongkong's forwards were too well marked. Bertie Gosano saw very little of the ball and the game was inclined to stay on the left wing where Humphreys showed little anticipation but was fast enough whenever he kept going. The Macao half-back line, with Rosario the star, was too tight

for him and for Daniels. Gardner, leading the Hongkong attack, was very much on his own. Macao's forwards did not move as a line and rarely were a danger.

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## COMBINED CHINESE HAVE A JOB WINNING THE MEMORIAL CUP

Contrary to expectations, a depleted Army eleven fought every inch of the way and forced the Combined Chinese to fight harder than ever before this season to gain a 5-3 victory in the Memorial Cup final at Boundary Street yesterday.

Played before a capricious crowd, the match produced a feast of football thrills from start to finish and kept the spectators tense with excitement right until the final whistle.

Three goals in arrears after 36 minutes second half play, the Soldiers fought back strongly and found the net twice in quick succession. However, five minutes before the end Lee Tai-fai headed home a brilliant goal to seal the Chinese victory. The game, which was of 90 minutes duration, was played at a fast pace, with play swinging from one end to the other.

On completion of the match the Memorial Cup was presented to Tse Kam-hung, Captain of the winning team, by Brig. C. R. Hardy, D.S.O., O.B.E., who went on to award the miniatures and medals to the members of both eleven.

ball neatly in the goalmouth which Lee converted with a brilliant header.

Although the Army tried desperately to again reduce the deficit the Chinese defenders stood firm and the end came with no further change in the score.

**Combined Chinese:**—Yui Yu-tak; Woo Chien-ang, Te Kam-hung; Tang Sum, Kwok Ying-kee, Chau Man-chi; Ho Ying-hun, Yee Cheuk-yin, Tse-Kit, Chu Ying-keung, Lee Tai-fai.

### SECOND DIVISION

Results of Second Division matches played yesterday were: Taikeo 1, Newa Vendors 4; Kitchee 6, Yard Police 4; South China 3, St. Joseph 0.

### PRESS VICTORY

As a curtain raiser to the big game the annual Referees v The Press match was played in a friendly spirit. In a game of scrappy goals to one this game afforded the large crowd plenty of amusement; and was ably handled by Lee Wing-tong, the erstwhile idol of the soccer public.

Outstanding in the Army team were Brown, Spence and Woods who all played a sterling game throughout. Brown achieved match honours by scoring all of the Army goals. Although Spence gave away a penalty during the second half, he more than made amends for this lapse by his grand display in the pivotal berth.

Woods, who skipped the team, held the elusive Ho Ying-fun in check and also broke up many of the determined Chinese attacks.

The Combined Chinese were forced to make one change owing to the injury of Hau Yung-sang. Woo Chi-sang replaced Hau and played a fine game at right back. Also prominent in the Chinese team were Lee Tai-fai, Yee Cheuk-yin, Chau Man-chi and Chu Ying-keung who were all dangerous when in possession. Lee was the star of the forward line and scored two grand goals.

### FRUITLESS CORNER

Directly from the kick-off the Chinese took up the running and within a minute had forced a fruitless corner. From the goal kick the Chinese team down the field into the Chinese keeper had to run to the edge of the area to kick the ball clear. Play then swung back and forth with the Army having slightly the better of the exchanges.

After 10 minutes the Army goal had a narrow escape when the advancing keeper was almost beaten by a back pass from Hutton.

Play continued at a furious pace until the Army goal had a lucky escape when successive shots from Lee, Chu and then Lee again were all blocked by the defenders.

The Chinese drew first blood after 36 minutes play when Yee gave Chu Ying-keung a grand through pass which the latter ran into and made no mistake with a terrific drive from 15 yards.

The advantage was short-lived however, for in almost the next minute the Army were once more on level terms when Marsden and Conway worked the ball through and then slipped the ball to Brown who beat Yui from close range.

Amidst rising excitement the Chinese went direct into attack from the kick-off and two minutes later had regained their lead when Lee Tai-fai collected a loose ball and found the back of the net with a pile driver.

### ARMY UNLUCKY

The second half opened with the Army attacking strongly and in the early minutes had had luck when Andrews drove just over the bar and then Yui saved a flashing shot from Conway in fine fashion.

After 23 minutes play Spence handled the ball within the area and from the spot kick Kwok placed the ball well out of the keeper's reach to make the score 3-1.

The Army were not dismayed by this further reverse and continued to harass the Chinese defenders. Yui Yu-tak was outstanding during this period with a number of grand saves and then after 34 minutes the Chinese forward line was set in motion from a clearance by the keeper and Yee cleverly dribbled his way through the defence and scored with a fast ground shot to the corner of the net.

From the kick-off the Army went clear through and from a centre by Conway the ball found Brown close in who scored with a grand shot. Repeating the same move in the next minute Brown this time headed the ball over the head of the advancing goalkeeper.

Shortly before the final whistle the Chinese rearranged their forward line and, in an attack from the left Ho dropped the

## Lame Horse A Year Ago Wins A Race

Paris, Apr. 2.—A horse which went lame last April and did not race again until last Sunday when beaten by a head at St. Cloud, today won the £1,000 Prix de Gannay for four-year-olds and upwards over one and a quarter miles at the opening of Longchamps Race-Course.

He was Fontenay, by Tornado out of Flying Colours, and the English blood, Charlie Smirke, crossed to France for the successful ride.

Amour Drake, second in last year's Derby, was beaten by two lengths, with the 10 to 1 favourite, Djeddah, another length and a half away third in a field of 10 runners.

All carried nine stones, two pounds. The parimutuel dividends to a 10-franc stake were 59 for a win and 15, 13 and 55 for places.

Fontenay made his effort just after entering the straight and Smirke raced into first place. Djeddah challenged and Amour Drake came up on the outside but Fontenay resisted gallantly to win easily.—Reuter.

## Cricket Ground As Arena For 1956 Olympics?

Melbourne, Apr. 2.—The Organising Committee for the 1956 Olympic Games, to be held in Melbourne, have unanimously decided to recommend that the Melbourne Cricket Ground shall be the main arena, subject to certain conditions.

The Committee Chairman, Sir Frank Beaurepaire, who announced this, added that December, 1950, had been fixed as the tentative date for the Games.

The recommendation of the Melbourne site will be submitted to the Australian Olympic Federation on April 15 and that body is expected to adopt it.

Sir Harold Luxton, Australia's representative on the International Olympic Committee, will then convey the Federation's decision to the International Committee at Copenhagen on May 14.

Sir Frank said that the Organising Committee recommended the cricket ground subject to the Cricket Ground Trustees undertaking to make it comply with Olympic standards with the necessary finance guaranteed by the Victoria Government.

If satisfactory arrangements could not be made in these directions, the Committee would recommend the Melbourne Show Ground as the main arena.

The Committee's recommendation followed a long controversy whether the cricket ground or the show ground was the more suitable site.—Reuter.

## DIPLOMATICALLY DISPOSED OF



The Spalding Cup for the Interport Hockey Match between Macao and Hongkong was not won by either side at King's Park yesterday and early yesterday evening Mr Raoul Cannavaro, the tennis coach, was seen dejectedly carrying it downhill to Club de Recreio. He hadn't the slightest idea then how long it would take him to keep carrying it around as it was the second year in succession that the match was drawn.

However, a flash of Solomonic wisdom has resulted in the trophy, presented by Messrs Gilman & Co., staying here. But Macao isn't to be deprived of a trophy as Messrs F. Rodrigues of Macao have donated a similar cup to be retained by the winning team.

As Hongkong keeps the Spalding Cup, it was decided at the Interport Dinner at China Fleet Club that Macao should keep the Rodrigues Cup till the two teams meet again and finally decide who keeps both.

## Malaysians Doing Well In France

Paris, Apr. 2.—The French International Badminton Championships entered the final stage today. In the first two quarter-finals of the Men's Singles two of the four surviving Malaysians were successful.

Look Long-chai beating Ronnie Williams, of Britain, by 15-2, 12-2, and E.L. Choong winning against Frank Lawton, also of Britain, by 15-3 and 15-4.—Reuter.

## Davis Cup Tourney

# ITALY START THE FAVOURITES IN EUROPEAN ZONE

London, Apr. 2.—Italy, again led by stocky Giovanni Cucelli, are expected to start favourites to win the European Zone of the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition this summer for the second successive year.

All but four of the 26 nations challenging the United States have elected to compete in the European Zone.

Finland, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines and Poland are new entries while seven nations who competed in 1949 have dropped out—Argentina, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Portugal, South Africa and Turkey.

Drawn in the lower half of the Zone, Italy face a stiff task as both Yugoslavia and France, the semi-finalists last year, are in this section.

Competing in this Zone for the first time since the war, the Philippines, drawn in the top half, may well spring a surprise and battle their way to the Zone final.

### OPEN AGAINST BRITAIN

Italy open their challenge in May with a visit to Britain, and though the home side will have the advantage of playing on grass, Italy's all-round strength should carry them through without much difficulty.

Leading Italian players have been putting up some fine performances in early season tournaments on the Riviera, particularly Renzo Del Zello, who is expected to challenge his brother, Marcello, for second spot in the team.

The main opposition to Italy early on will probably come from Yugoslavia, but they should win through to the semi-final where they face France or Denmark for a place in the final.

The Philippines begin their campaign with a match against Pakistan. A win here would pit them against Peru, an unknown quantity so far as tennis in Europe is concerned.

It hardly seems likely that Peru are strong enough to hold this formidable Filipino team, paced by their dynamic little

Champion, Felicissimo Ampon, the recent winner of the All-India title in Allahabad.

### STRONGEST THREAT

The strongest threat to the Philippines probably will come from Hungary, another semi-finalist in 1949, or from Sweden. On known form at this early stage in the European season, everything points to a Zone final between Italy and the Philippines. As the final need not be completed before August 1, the Zone winner probably will have to fly to the United States as the Inter-Zone final has been fixed for August 11, 12 and 13.

Australia will almost certainly provide the opposition on that occasion.—Reuter.



# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Poor Bidding Can Lead to Bad Double

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

MUSICIANS play a lot of bridge, according to Dolph Traymon, who recently opened with his trio at the Warwick's Raleigh Room in New York. After a long rehearsal bridge is good relaxation. Musicians like excitement in their game and today's hand provided both interest and excitement for them. I do not believe anyone would criticize East for doubling West's contract of four hearts, especially in view of the fact that his partner had made a bid. But you will find that the hand cannot be beaten, regardless of the opening lead.

Of course if West had been on lead to cash the three spade tricks, that would have been a different story. But East was void of spades, so he elected to open the defence of clubs, his fourth best. The trick was won in dummy with the king of clubs and the ace of clubs immediately cashed. West had played the seven and then the five, echoing out.

Declarer knew East had to have at least five trumps to justify his double. He also felt that East did not hold the king-queen of trumps, otherwise he would have opened a trump. So at this point declarer cashed dummy's ace of hearts, West's queen dropping. Declarer then proceeded to cash dummy's two, king, and queen of diamonds, discarding

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75	8642
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Double Pass Pass	Double
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three small spades. The fourth diamond was trumped. Now the queen and jack of clubs were cashed, two spades being discarded from dummy.

The ten of clubs was led and East was helpless. He had to trump. If he trumped low, dummy's nine spot would win, while if he trumped with the ten spot, dummy would discard the third spade.

Now there was no way to keep declarer from making the jack of hearts, and his contract, only losing three heart tricks.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the meaning of "Gloria Patri"?
2. What is the latitude of the equator?
3. What is the principal language spoken in Brazil?
4. In 1850, what is the anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus?
5. Who built the first pyramid in Egypt?
6. What is a passe-partout?

(Answers on Page 8)

## CROSSWORD

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1. No enduring form of humour. (7)
  2. Metal out of the blue. (6)
  3. A grain of 24 hours. (4)
  4. One in a black suit. (4)
  5. East. (2)
  6. Overhead with a wooden sole on a rug. (4)
  7. It can be mixed to change colour. (4)
  8. This stool is umbrella shaped. (4)
  9. Bird that should be well fed. (5)
  10. The colour that will do for an where. (6)
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## DUMB BELLS



## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 3

If you are born today, you understand all kinds of people and are particularly sympathetic toward those who are less fortunate than yourself. You are a warm, hearty personality. You always are doing things for others and often your unselfish impulses lead you into commitments you cannot afford. Be sure that those you make sacrifices for are really worthy of them.

You have a number of talents but you must learn to concentrate on one if you are to reach fame and lasting success. Choose a goal and then adhere to it, no matter how difficult the obstacles may appear at first.

You have a keen intellect and your judgment is excellent. You can be relied upon to give sound advice. You seem to

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't let your things wither. Put your best foot forward. Put your personal records to rest. Put your personal records to rest. Put your personal records to rest.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—All matters pertaining to business or marriage partners can be successfully handled just now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Employment potentials improve. Your past experience and your skill on the job may bring a salary rise.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—If confidential matters need your attention, take care of them now. Children's affairs need special care.

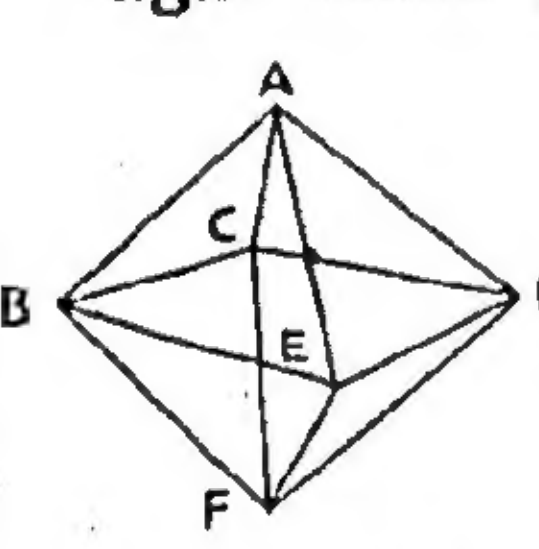
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Make sure that you get credit for all work done now. Plan your schedule carefully for the best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Over criticism of the efforts of others is not the best tactical manoeuvre. Be constructive in advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Creative work, especially in the arts, should bring the best possible rewards at this time. Make some money!

## INTELLIGENCE TEST

### Eight faces



By T. O. HARE

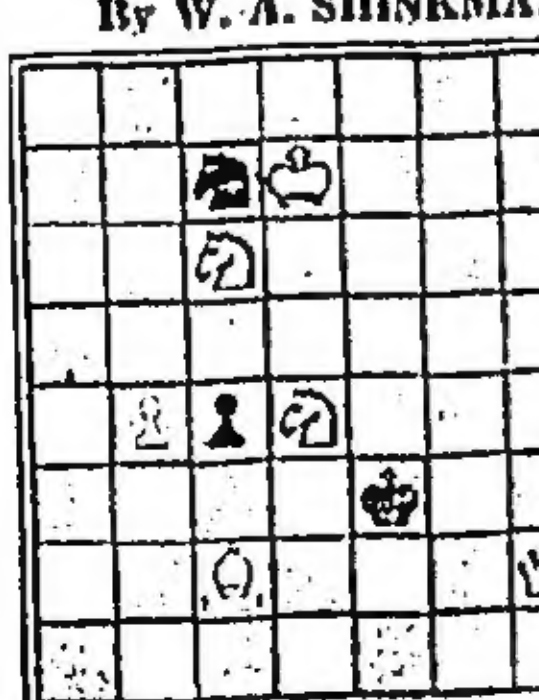
A recent test (it may be recalled) introduced a skeleton octahedron. Here is a regular octahedron which is presumed to be solid. Each of its eight faces is an equilateral triangle, and it is symmetrical about three axes (A-F, B-G, C-H). Suppose that four faces of this octahedron are to be painted black and the other four white. In how many ways could this be done? (Le. How many octahedrons could be produced which would be distinguishable from one another?)

(Solution on Page 8)

## CHESS PROBLEM

Black, 5 pieces.

By W. A. SHINKMAN



White, 6 pieces. White to play and mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. B-K5, any; 2. Q-R (dbl ch), or Kt mates.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Riviera - Or Acapulco

By TEMPLE MANNING

THERE'S always time for an argument on the respective merits and superiority of the Riviera and Acapulco. During the war, when moneyed folk couldn't make it, they took up the Mexican resort in lieu of Monte Carlo, Cannes, Cap d'Antibes, Eden, Rome and all the other lush spots along the Mediterranean gold coast.

Which is why a lovely little Mexican village became overnight a magnificent, ultra-modern resort with de luxe hotels, fabulously expensive apartments, smart clubs and all the other improvements—if you want to call them that—of the expensive winter resort.

Where once were adobe huts, there now are hotels built on hillside terraces, set in gardens of giant palms, and lovely flowers, with beautiful swimming pools into which water is pumped from the sea below. There are magnificent beaches, with wonderful swimming, even for the novice. Everywhere there is colour; the greens and blues of Acapulco Bay, the exotic tiled roofs, the grey and mountain sides, the red, brown and white rocks that rise in an almost vertical array from the spumed Pacific waters.

### Gay And Exciting

Life at the beaches, and in the hotels is gay, smart, exciting. But not far off are mountain woods with deer, jaguar, ocelots, wildcats and other game. Towards the sea are wonderful birds, various parrots, pelicans and beautiful egretta.

Acapulco is a fisherman's dream, and for this reason alone it is difficult to see how the place could have been undiscovered until comparatively recently. For it is only during the past fifteen or twenty years that Acapulco has become fashionable.

Anchored off the concrete pier, almost in the centre of town, are deep-sea boats waiting to take the angler in search of marine big game as sailfish, tuna, dolphin and other big fish. Real anglers like to come to grips with the powerful marlin, the sea devil or the black fish that gives the fisherman a good run for his money.

### Cortes Sent Food

Acapulco was discovered by the Spaniards over four centuries ago. Cortes sent food to Acapulco to help Pizarro conquer Peru. Vessels from the Orient put in with silks, porcelains and other treasures in exchange for silver, oil and other products of colonial Spain.

The little harbour village built in 1927, a highway was built connecting the coast with Mexico City. But it was really the boom during the war years that gilded Acapulco and made it a resort name to conjure with.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

## BY THE WAY

### by Beachcomber

ONCE, long ago, nearly met a film star. She had invited the Press to come and have about her, but by the time I had had my credentials examined by her staff she was almost hidden under a mound of women fashion writers. Nobody bothered about the rest of us so we ate and drank our fill, and lit our cigars—her cigars—wrong again, the cigars sent in by a go-ahead firm. ("Everybody - one saw me smoking a Flor de Berza.") Before I left I caught sight of her face as the mob of worshippers broke up for a moment. The Michelin-tyre lips were pouting, and the sham eyebrows were raised in disbelief. Some loud but probably forgotten to ask for her photograph.

### Venice by moonlight

SANTA LUCIA! Oh, sole mio! "Police machine-gunned a launch on the Grand Canal at Venice. Gondolas were swamped and overturned." Old-world charm shattered, queen of Adriatic seen gun fight, palazzos struck by bullets, gondolier calls racketeer dirty dog stop.

### Song of the shirt

THE East Suffolk Standing Joint Committee, which has done such remarkable work as a Standing Joint Committee, was debating the other day the question, "How long can anyone wear a shirt?" Somebody might have quoted the moving lines of the last verse of a poem recited to me the other day:—

So let me live in peaceful dirt,  
With nobody to question why  
And wear the same primrose shirt  
Until I die.

### Merely a suggestion

I READ that the summit of the Shot Tower on the Embankment will be used, during the Exhibition of 1951 as a high-house with an umbrella-shaped aerial of a radio-telescope mounted on it. The base, I mean will do for Mrs. Zaphronia's fortune-telling parlour. Half-way up we might have a verandah for penny rides on giant tortoises, and a bit of Eastern dancing. By enlarging the top window of the Tower, we could have a section of a No. 18 bus with Boardica, Cromwell, Wordsworth, Canute, William Tell, Cleopatra, W. G. Grace, Neil Gwynne, Nelson and Samuel Pullman in a tableau vivant representing Industrial Progress.

(London Express Service)

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

# Congress Urged To Retain Control Over Rubber

London, Mar. 27.—"The purchase of natural rubber is a major step in the direction of keeping South East Asia on our side of the Iron Curtain," says a Natural Rubber News, the privately-circulated bulletin of the Natural Rubber Bureau in Washington. It adds that the recent action of the Department of Commerce in removing controls requiring the use of synthetic rubber in the manufacture of small-side camberbacks — the material used for retreading tyre carcasses — was a step in the right direction.

Natural Rubber Bureau has produced a special issue of its bulletin containing details of the recommendations made by the House Committee on Armed Services, which recently examined President Truman's proposals regarding the synthetic rubber industry.

The President recommended disposal of the United States Government's \$700,000,000 synthetic rubber plants to private industry, ten-year leasing plan to promote a competitive synthetic rubber industry within the framework of national security; consumption of synthetic to be one quarter of total GR-S plus natural rubber and not less than 200,000 long tons a year; and specification control to ensure this minimum amount was used. The President also made recommendations concerning butyl—the synthetic product used for manufacturing inner tubes—and proposed further measures to ensure that the synthetic rubber industry was maintained at a level consistent with the country's security needs.

The sub-committee on rubber, which examined these proposals on behalf of its parent body, the House Committee on Armed Services, virtually ignored the President's recommendations and replaced them with proposals which amount to an "as you were" order for the next three years.

The committee said in its report that they believed it would be "extremely unwise to enact long-term legislation on a matter so sensitive to world conditions and so vital to national security." They were of the opinion that the matter should be reviewed by Congress in three years' time, when the international situation might justify a new approach to the entire subject. They also expressed their unwillingness to surrender the jurisdiction of Congress over "this highly significant problem."

### VITAL IN WAR

The committee's report to Congress, asking for an extension of the present law for an

other three years, said rubber was indispensable in time of war. "Even with a large stockpile of natural rubber," it added, "this nation could not hope to defend itself in any future conflict without a satisfactory substitute for natural rubber."

It was their unanimous decision that the time had not yet come to turn the Government-owned synthetic rubber industry over to private enterprise, though they favoured this course at a more propitious date.

Witnesses representing all interests in the rubber manufacturing industry had declared, without reservation, that from a national security viewpoint the present law had no serious defects.

The report went on: "The Armed Services Committee reached the conclusion that the President's recommendations did not fulfil national security requirements as completely as existing law. Specifically, the President's recommendations did not contain a statutory minimum figure of synthetic rubber to be produced and consumed annually in the United States."

In contrast, the present law requires a minimum of 200,000 long tons of general-purpose synthetic rubber and at least 25,000 long tons of special-purpose synthetic rubber to be produced and consumed annually in the United States."

### UNDESIRABLE

The committee turned down a proposal from certain of the manufacturing industries that the Government should stockpile between 175,000 and 250,000 long tons of general-purpose synthetic. This measure, the committee said, was undesirable as it would involve expenditure for a product which could be available in large quantities in the event of an emergency and would also cut down the funds available for stockpiling other vital materials which could only be obtained from sources that might be cut off in wartime.

On the basis of present estimates, the committee said, it would appear that the total natural and synthetic rubber to be used in the United States in 1950 would be approximately 875,000 long tons. (In his testimony before the House Special Sub-Committee, Mr. Earl W. Glen, who presented the President's recommendations, said American consumption of all new rubber during 1950 would amount to "a much bigger" total than the 925,000 tons used last year, and may possibly go to 1,000,000 tons.) If one-quarter of this rubber must be GR-S then about 220,000 tons must be consumed to satisfy security requirements.

"The committee is impressed with the fact that there is practically no less than 200,000 long tons of general-purpose synthetic rubber should be consumed annually in the United States. But, without material reduction in the present policy of requiring that one-quarter of the total consumption of new rubber be GR-S, the committee is of the opinion that specification controls can still be further reduced in order to ascertain to a greater extent the possible areas of voluntary usage of GR-S," the report said.



# U.S. Political Parties Sharpen Axes For Congress Elections

By SEAGHAN MAYNES

Washington, Apr. 2.—The U.S. Democratic and Republican Parties are drawing the battle lines for an all-out fight for control of Congress in the Congressional elections in November this year. Elections will then be held for all of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives and for one-third of the 96 seats in the Senate.

## Peking Has Plan To Save Food

San Francisco, Apr. 2.—The Chinese Communist Cabinet has issued a decree which "at one stroke saves millions of tons of edible foods," according to the Peking Radio.

The decree stated that henceforth rice and wheat may be ground only once. Mills must produce not less than 92 pounds of polished rice from every 100 pounds of unrefined rice, and 81 pounds of flour from every 100 pounds of wheat.

Peking Radio estimated that the measure would save 400,000 metric tons of food annually, while at the same time improving the nation's health by adding to the vitamin content of the average Chinese diet.

It implemented effectively, the measure is likely to add to the Chinese Communist popularity in South China, where the populace prefers highly polished rice.

**TRACTORS ARRIVE**  
The Radio also announced that "trainloads of tractors and heavy agricultural machinery are arriving in Peking from the Soviet Union." The machinery is to be used on State farms and for large-scale reclamation schemes. The Radio said 424 farm machines and 94 tractors have so far arrived, "and more are on the way."

It said the machines include self-propelled combine harvesters, seed drills, seed sorters, threshing machines, and harrows. The tractors range up to 80 horsepower.

It reported that the first batch of 450 pupils has just graduated from the Peking Tractor School, which was established "in preparation for greater industrialization of agriculture."—United Press.

## Bixbys On Fourth Leg Of Speed Bid

Cairo, Apr. 2.—The flying Bixbys—Dianna and Bob—streaked out of Cairo to-night for Karachi, Pakistan, on the fourth leg of their flight to beat the round-the-world record set by the late Bill Odom.

The husband and wife team took off at a two-engine Mosquito bomber one hour and 35 minutes after they landed from Paris.

Bixby, aged 27, said before taking off from Farouk airport: "We hope to knock at least five hours from Bill Odom's record."

In 1947 Odom set a globe-circling mark of 73 hours, five minutes and 11 seconds.

Aided by perfect flying weather, the couple made the Paris to Cairo leg in six hours and 16 minutes, according to airport officials. The Bixbys said they flew at an altitude of 25,000 feet. They set their plane down only 26 hours and 58 minutes after their departure from San Francisco yesterday.

From Karachi they will fly to Calcutta, India, then to Tokyo and Midway Island and back home to San Francisco.—United Press.

The Democrats now have 54 Senate seats and 261 House seats compared with the Republican strength of 42 seats in the Senate and 169 in the House.

A Democratic Liberal and an American Labour Representative held one seat in the House, and three others are vacant.

Although most political authorities recognize that developments between now and November could swing a decisive mass of votes to one side or the other, the prevailing opinion today is that President Truman's Democrats are likely to retain their control of Congress.

The Republican leadership, smarting under taunts that they were producing only a "one-ton" campaign, platform, have decided to make Socialism the major domestic issue in their attacks on President Truman's "Fair Deal" programme.

The line of attack, developed at big party conventions, is that the President is planning to push the United States into Socialism through "Fair Deal" legislation.

**REPUBLICAN CRY**  
The Republican election war cry, "Liberty Against Socialism," was proclaimed at a dollar-a-box chicken supper for 12,000 supporters, who crowded into a Washington sports arena to hear leaders outline the Republican programme and blast the "Fair Deal" plan.

Democratic leaders replied with a hundred-dollar-a-plate dinner attended by nearly 5,400 party followers, who gathered in Washington's National Guard Armory to hear President Truman hit back.

In a fighting speech, the President taunted the Republicans with having merely coined scare words like Socialism and other slogans to hide their lack of a positive programme.

He maintained that the American people had benefited from the progressive Democratic Party programme, and declared that by "dragging out the same moth-eaten scarecrow of Socialism" as a 1950 election issue, the Republicans were insulting the intelligence of the American people.

**HARD FIGHT**  
While the Democrats brimmed with confidence that they would not only hold their present Congressional majority but increase it, the Republicans were admitting that their Party men would have a hard fight to get control of Congress.

They fear that if they fail to make substantial gains in the elections they will have little chance of staying off the remaining Fair Deal measures and what they describe as a "welfare state."

To obtain a bare majority in each House of the next Congress, they need to hold the seats they now have and to add to them seven Senate and 47 House seats, which they must capture from the Democrats.

But the Democrats will also have to make gains if they are to avoid recurring stalemates in Congress over parts of the President's programme.

To guarantee passage, the Administration must win more Democratic seats in the North and also induce a number of rebellious Southern Democrats to "join the party line" on specific measures, like the Civil Rights programme.

**OPENING SKIRMISHES**  
This part of the Fair Deal includes measures against lynching, against imposition of a poll tax on Negroes and against colour or race discrimination in employment.

With their major party issue registered as a battle against Socialism, many leading Republicans used the British election results as ammunition for the opening skirmishes of the Congressional campaign.

They issued statements to the press proclaiming that the large Conservative gains in Britain represented a development of the "worldwide trend against Socialism," which would be reflected in the United States during the November elections.

The Democrats' counter-attack was that American Democrats were not Socialists, that Americans and not Britons would be voting next November, that the Republicans would regard Mr. Winston Churchill, the Conservative leader in Britain, as a "dangerous Socialist" if he were running in an American election, and that, anyway, the Socialists had won the election in Britain.

Many Congressmen who face stiff fights in their home constituencies are anxious to get away from Washington as soon as possible to conduct their own election campaigns well in advance of November.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
It is regarded as extremely unlikely that Congress, in this election year, will remain in session through the summer, and the expectation is that members will soon begin to speed up decisions on pending major legislation.

July is the usual month for adjournment, but last year Congress was kept in session until October 10 to clear piled-up legislation.

It is freely predicted that the President's controversial National Health Insurance plan, which resembles in many respects the British scheme, will be sidetracked together with the Civil Rights programme and revision of the Taft-Hartley Labour law (which the Trade Unions consider unfair) until next year.—Reuter.

Paris, Apr. 2.—M. Maurice Thorez, the Secretary-General of the French Communist Party, called today for a peace pact between France, Russia, the United States, Britain and Communist China to replace the Atlantic Pact and the Marshall Plan.

He was speaking at the Party's 12th annual Congress which, coinciding with his 50th birthday, seemed to have been planned to spotlight his leadership of French Communism.

Grand portraits of Stalin and Thorez faced each other across the Congress hall, and each time he mentioned Marshal Stalin during his speech the thousand or more delegates rose and cheered.

Above the platform, in golden letters on a red background, was M. Thorez's declaration last year: "The people of France will never make war on the Soviet Union."

M. Thorez proposed a new plan for Communist action, in which foreign policy came first.

**HANGS BY THREAD**  
The plan was to include: 1. The denunciation of the Marshall Plan and the Atlantic Pact, native French participation in "all efforts tending to the establishment of a democratic peace" and reaffirmation of the Franco-Soviet Alliance.

2. Abolition of prohibition of the atomic bomb, and the conclusion of a peace pact between the Big Five Powers. Any government initiating a war with the atomic bomb was to be considered war criminals.

3. Relations with the West German Government to be broken off.

4. An immediate end of the war in Vietnam, repatriation of the French Expeditionary Corps and recognition of the Ho Chi-minh Communist Government.

"Peace hangs by a thread," M. Thorez declared. "The threat of war is extremely grave."

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**INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION**  
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